

SPLICING SYSTEM AFFORDING A CONTINUOUS WEB MATERIAL SUPPLY  
FOR AN APPLICATOR

ABSTRACT

5 An apparatus and method for providing continuous supply of transfer tape to an applicator machine. The method includes unwinding the tape from the rolls to erase the roll memory in the tape, advancing the tape along a web path through knife elements to staging areas and past pinch rollers to the applicator. A second tape is placed on the staging plate for splicing to the first tape at the pinch roller. The first tape is cut and the second tape is advanced to the applicator.